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SUBJECT: EC RENEGOTIATION

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1. AN FCO OFFICIAL (HALL, EUROPEAN INTEGRATION) HAS
CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT ON MAY 2 THE BRITISH
CABINET FORMALLY APPROVED THE DECISIONS THAT WERE
REACHED ON APRIL 25 BY THE CABINET'S EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
STRATEGY COMMITTEE (SEE REFTELS). HALL SAID THAT THE
CABINET WILL REVIEW THE RENEGOTIATION ISSUE AGAIN IN LATE
MAY WHEN IT WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE THE DETAILED STATE-
MENT WHICH CALLAGHAN WILL MAKE AT THE JUNE 4 MEETING OF
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THE EC COUNCIL' HALL REITERATED THE ASSESSMENT GIVEN TO

US BY BUTLER AND BRAITHWAITE -- THAT A MODERATE APPROACH TO RENEGOTIATION HAS SO FAR PREVAILED. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ANTI-MARKETEERS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BY NO MEANS BEEN CONVERTED. HE NOTED THAT MOST OF THE DECISIONS HAVE SO FAR CONCERNED BROAD STRATEGY. THE ANTI-MARKETEERS COULD BE WAITING TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TURNS TO THE SPECIFIC CHANGES THAT IT WANTS IN EC POLICIES. THE CABINET-LEVEL DISCUSSION IN LATE MAY, THEREFORE, COULD WELL GO LESS SMOOTHLY THAN THE APRIL 25 MEETING.

2. HALL SAID THAT EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI HAS BEEN INVITED TO COME TO LONDON ON MAY 13 TO DISCUSS RENEGOTIATION. ORTOLI'S VISIT IS PART OF THE GENERAL PROCESS OF CONSULTATION, ALSO INVOLVING THE OTHER EC MEMBER STATES AND COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, WHICH IS TAKING PLACE BEFORE CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT TO THE JUNE 4 COUNCIL IS DRAFTED.

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